

## Books 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Will Enjoy

Burks, James. **Bird and Squirrel on the Run.** (JUV GN BURKS)

Bird and Squirrel outwit Cat and become best friends in this zany adventure. Squirrel is afraid of his own shadow. Bird doesn't have a care in the world. And Cat wants to eat Bird and Squirrel. Of course, he'll have to catch them first, and that's not going to be easy. Join this trio as they head south for the winter in a hilarious road trip. But watch out! Cat is waiting around every bend, and he's one pesky feline.

Burnell, Heather Ayris. **Unicorn and Yeti: Sparkly New Friends.** (ER BURNE)

Unicorn and Yeti run into each other (literally) while looking for sparkly things, and despite some differences, (for instance Unicorn is magic, Yeti is not, Yeti likes snowball fights, Unicorn cannot throw snowballs)--the two become friends over a shared love of hot chocolate with rainbow sprinkles.

Citro, Asia. **Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows.** (CHAPTER CITRO)

A girl, Zoey, and her cat, Sassafras, use science experiments to help a dragon with a problem.

Clanton, Ben. **Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea.** (JUV GN CLANT)

A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together.

Cronin, Doreen. **The Chicken Squad.** (CHAPTER CRONI)

When the squirrel Tail comes barreling into the chicken coop ranting about a round, shiny, green, scary thing in the yard, Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar investigate this strange object.

Davies, Jacqueline. **Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World.** (CHAPTER DAVIE)

Sydney is a skunk and Taylor is a hedgehog, but no matter how odd the pairing may seem, their friendship comes naturally. They live happily in their cozy burrow . . . until the day Taylor gets his Big Idea to go see the Whole Wide World.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Bink and Gollie.** (CHAPTER DICAM)

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

Di Camillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson to the Rescue.** (CHAPTER DICAM)

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Eaton, Maxwell, III. **Okay, Andy.** (GN EATON)

Andy, a crabby alligator, is a reluctant friend to Preston, a young coyote pup.

Elliott, Rebecca. **Owl Diaries: Eva's Treetop Festival.** (CHAPTER ELLIO)

Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea--but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.

Faruqi, Saadia. **Yasmin the Chef.** (ER FARUQ)

Yasmin's family is hosting a big party, but Yasmin is worried that the traditional food her family is cooking is too spicy--so her family challenges Yasmin to come up with a dish of her own.

Florence, Debbi Michiko. **Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen.** (CHAPTER FLORE)

Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, eight, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year.

Gough, Julian. **Rabbit and Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits.** (CHAPTER GOUGH)

Bear wakes up early from hibernation. If she can't sleep, then at least she can make a snowman. Rabbit has never made a snowman, but he definitely wants to make one that's better than Bear's. But with an avalanche and a hungry wolf heading his way, Rabbit soon realizes that it might be nice to have a friend on your side. A tale of friendship, gravity, and just a little bit of poo.

Griffin, Sammy. **Mighty Meg and the Magical Ring.** (CHAPTER GRIFF)

Eight-year-old Meg's life is turned upside-down when the ring she received from her Aunt Nikki, an archaeologist, gives her superpowers, but can she find the courage to be the superhero her town needs?

Hale, Shannon. **The Princess in Black.** (CHAPTER HALE)

Princess Magnolia is having hot chocolate and scones with Duchess Wigtower when ... Brrring! Brrring! The monster alarm! A big blue monster is threatening the goats! Stopping monsters is no job for dainty Princess Magnolia. But luckily Princess Magnolia has a secret -- she's also the Princess in Black, and stopping monsters is the perfect job for her! Can the princess sneak away, transform into her alter ego, and defeat the monster before the nosy duchess discovers her secret?

Himmelman, John. **Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny.** (CHAPTER HIMME)

Although she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anyone else at school, Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny, never hurts another creature--unless she has to.

Jenkins, Emily. **Harry Versus the First 100 Days of School.** (CHAPTER JENKI)

Harry Bergen-Murphy does not feel ready when he starts first grade, but by day 100 he has become an expert on several important things, including being a first-grader.

Kirby, Stan. **Captain Awesome to the Rescue.** (CHAPTER KIRBY)

When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.

Kuipers, Alice. **Polly Diamond and the Magic Book.** (CHAPTER KUIPE)

Polly loves words, writing, and telling stories, so when she finds a fancy book on her doorstep labeled "Special Delivery from the Writing and Spelling Department for Polly Diamond" she is thrilled; and when she finds that anything she writes in it actually happens she is really excited-- but Polly soon realizes that she has to be very careful what she writes because that kind of power can be dangerous.

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad All Year.** (ER LOBEL)

Two friends share experiences in each season of the year.

Low, A.J. **Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong.** (CHAPTER LOW)

Auntie Kim Lian's precious Peranakan cookbook has disappeared, and Sherlock Sam and his trusty robot, Watson, must find it.

Nuurali, Siman. **Sadiq and the Explorers.** (CHAPTER NUURA)

After a family hike in a nearby park, Sadiq forms the Explorers Club with his friends, who then help a neighbor create a nature-themed scavenger hunt for the Fourth of July celebration.

O'Ryan, Ray. **Galaxy Zack: Hello, Nebulon!** (CHAPTER ORYAN)

Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people.

Pilkey, Dav. **Dog Man.** (JUV GN PILKE)

George and Harold create a new comic book hero in Dog Man, a crime fighter with the head of a police dog and the body of a policeman, who faces off against his arch nemesis Petey the cat.

Shaskan, Stephen. **Pizza and Taco: Who's the best?** (JUV GN SHASK)

Best friends Pizza and Taco agree on nearly everything until Pizza declares himself the best of all, leading to debating, voting, competing, and finally defining what being the best really means.

West, Tracey. **Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon.** (CHAPTER WEST)

Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffith that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo--and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers.

Willems, Mo. **The Story of Diva and Flea.** (CHAPTER WILLE)

In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

**Check out the following series that we recommend.**

**Series are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name.**

**Early Readers**

Buzz Beaker, Carl Meister

Dot., Randi Zuckerburg

Katie Woo, Fran Manushkin

Sofia Martinez, Jacqueline Jules

Yasmin, Faruqi, Saadia

**Chapter Books**

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Ballpark Mysteries by David Kelly

Capital Mysteries by Ron Roy

Critter Club by Callie Barkley

Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton

Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

My Weird School by Dan Gutman

My Weird School Daze by Dan Gutman

My Weirder School by Dan Gutman

Nancy Drew Notebooks by Carolyn Keene

Rainbow Magic by Daisy Meadows

Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott